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MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

*Carencro man travels to Deridder, Louisiana to meet
with minor female and solicits sexually explicit photos*

Lafayette, Louisiana . . . DOUGLAS FRYE, age 38, from Carencro, Louisiana was sentenced yesterday to 188 months (15 years & 8 months) federal imprisonment to be followed by 8 years supervised release by United States District Judge Richard T. Haik for production of child pornography, announced United States Attorney Donald W. Washington. FRY pled guilty to the charge in September 2006.

FRYE was indicted by the federal grand jury in March 2006 after investigations by the Louisiana Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) determined that the defendant had been communicating with minor females and discussing in detail sexually explicit matters.

FRYE traveled from Carencro to Deridder, Louisiana to meet with one of the minor females he had been communicating with by internet. He provided the minor female with a cellular telephone and requested that she photograph herself in sexually explicit poses. The minor female produced sexually explicit images

of herself using the cellular phone and forwarded the photographs to FRYE using the cellular telephone's internet connection in June 2005.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was prosecuted under the Project Safe Childhood Initiative announced by the United States Department of Justice in February 2006. The initiative is designed to protect our children from child predators. Under this initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies join together to investigate and prosecute crimes against children facilitated through the Internet or other electronic media and communications devices and to obtain the strictest penalties available under state or federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Luke Walker.

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